(c) and (d) Almost eighty per cent of Central assistance is earmarked for the nutrition component of the Wheat-Based Nutrition Programme.

Cancellation of passenger trains in Orissa and Bihar

2224. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of passenger trains cancelled during 1986 and 1987 in Orissa and Bihar, respectively together with the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the number of trains, restored out of them, so far; and

(c) by when the remaining trains are expected to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Trains are not run/cancelled statewise. Hence, these statistics are not maintained state-wise.

Festivals of India in USA and France

2225. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 15th June, 1988 to the effect that there have been large scale irregularities in the expenditure incurred on the festivals of India held in France and US, recently;

(b) what budget provisions was made for these Festivals and the actual expenditure incurred;

(c) what are the reasons for a high expenditure; and

(d) whether any inquiry has been conducted in the matter and if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The budget provision was Rs. 535.60 lakhs for the Festival of India in France and USA. The expenditure was Rs. 526.81 lakhs.

(c) The expenditure on these Festivals was well within the budget provision.

(d) Does not arise.

Expansion of the short distance Vayudoot flights

2226. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has not been very enthusiastic about the expansion of short distance flights by Vayudoot;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this refusal is likely to affect the expansion of Vayudoot operations in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) he Planning Commission has not been against expansion of short distance flights by Vayudoot. However, they are of the opinion that since such operations increase fuel consumption per Revenue Passenger Kilometre which would in turn necessitate higher passenger fares, the situation needs to be avoided.

(c) and (d) The services operated by Vayudoot are mostly of short-haul nature. They are operating to seven stations in Andhra Pradesh itself. Due

to acute shortage of aircraft capacity and lack of infrastructural facilities, they are at present not in a position to link more places in the State.

Development of Machilipatnam Beach In Andhra Pradesh as a Tourist Spot

2227. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the development of Machilipatnam beach in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh as a tourist spot;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The Central Department of Tourism provides financial assistance to States for development of tourism infrastructure at tourist centres on the basis of the specific proposals received from the State Governments. The Department has received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for Central financial asistance for development of Machilipatnam beach in Krishna district.

Rural Sports Centres in Andhra Pradesh

2228. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of rural sports centres opened in Andhra Pradesh, so far;

(b) what is the amount of Central assistance provided to those centres during the last two years;

(c) whether Government propose to enhance Central assistance;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any proposal to open more rural sports centres in that State; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The total number of Rural Sports Centres opened in Andhra Pradesh so far is being ascertained. During the last two years grants as mentioned below were released to Andhra Pradesh for establishment and maintenance of Ruaral Sports Centres:—

1986-87	Rs. 1,05,300/-
1987-88	Rs. 1,71,000/-

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir,

(f) Does not arise.

Non-formal Education Centres

2229. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of non-formal education centres, functioning in different States, so far, under the universalisation of Elementary Education Programme;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to increase the number of such non-formal education centres during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) As